

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. through 11. (cancelled)

12. (new) A method for controlling a phone system enabling a user of a portable cellular phone to make use of a stored-type voice message service, comprising:

storing, when a connection with a portable phone is unable to be made, a voice message to be fed to the portable phone;

continuously transmitting, at a specified time interval, a signal requesting registration from the portable phone to a switching center, when a connection between the switching center is unable to be made until a connection between the switching center and the portable phone is able to be made;

when a connection between the switching center and the portable phone is able to be made, transmitting from the switching center to the portable phone, a location registration acknowledgement signal, causing the portable phone and the switching center to confirm that the portable phone is located within a service area;

when the switching center has confirmed that the portable phone is located within a service area, providing to the portable phone a notification that the voice message has been stored.

13. (new): A method for controlling a phone system enabling a user of a portable cellular phone to make use of a stored-type voice message service, comprising:

storing, when a connection with a portable phone is unable to be made, a voice message to be fed to the portable phone;

continuously transmitting, at a specified time interval, a notification that the voice message has been stored to the portable phone, when a connection with the portable phone is unable to be made until the notification that the voice message has been stored is successfully received by the portable phone when a connection with the portable phone is able to be made.